

## STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Project Update - Sidewalk  
Improvements (Pedestrian Walkways)  
At Three (3) Schools

**ITEM NO.:** 13C

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**MEETING:** October 12, 2004

**ACTION DATE:** October 12, 2004

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the School Board receive an update on project bid status for the construction of sidewalk improvements (pedestrian walkways) at three (3) schools (Kate Waller Barrett and Park Ridge Elementary Schools and H.H Poole Middle School).

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#### KEY POINTS:

1. Sidewalk Improvement Project was developed in concert with local Homeowner Associations, Board of Supervisors, School Board and Virginia Department of Transportation to provide safe pedestrian walkways to support walking zones to and from Kate Waller Barrett and Park Ridge Elementary Schools and H.H. Poole Middle School. Project was designed by Patton, Harris, Rust and Associates and reviewed by Virginia Department of Transportation.
3. On July 19, 2004, Stafford County Public Schools requested bids for the subject project. On August 10, 2004 a bid opening was held and no bids were received. In an attempt to determine why no contractors choose to bid on the project, staff contacted several asphalt/concrete contractors and received feedback that construction schedules were full and project could not be completed in the allocated performance period.
4. On September 15, 2004 Stafford County Public Schools re-bid the subject project. Staff reevaluated the current bid list and expanded the number of contractors notified. Project bid package information was sent to in excess of 16 bidders through the Stafford County Public Schools' and Stafford County bid list. On September 29, 2004 a pre-bid meeting was held at the Planning and Construction Department with two (2) potential bidders attending and expressing a desire to bid on the project.

5. On October 6, 2004 one (1) full scope bid was received. The bid was submitted for \$357,845 from NVM Contractors of Annandale Va. The original SCPS cost estimate was \$153,000. The SCPS cost estimate was revised by the design engineer due to construction cost increases in this area. New cost estimate is \$191,000. Bid break out information is:

a. Barrett Elementary School	\$165,060
b. Park Ridge Elementary School	\$98,547
c. H.H Poole Middle School	\$94,238

6. On October 7, 2004 a meeting was held with the bidder and a complete walk-thru of the project location was completed in an attempt to better define the project scope and obtain a revised and negotiated full scope cost from the bidder. We estimate that the bidder will provide this information to SCPS no later than October 13, 2004. Bidder felt one reason why only one bid was received and why it is considered a high bid is due to the excessive backlog in asphalt/concrete work in the area brought on by the rainy weather encountered this summer.

7. SCPS currently has \$153,000 of County Transportation Funds allocated for this project

8. Project completion date is scheduled for December 30, 2004.

9. The following are potential options recommended once a negotiated price is obtained with the bidder:

- a. Award full scope project at negotiated price (less than \$357,845, actual negotiated price TBD) and obtain the additional funding from County Transportation Fund or Construction Reserve Account Fund
- b. Decrease scope of the project (drop out one or more schools or portions from each school), award at a negotiated price and obtain the additional funding (if required) from County Transportation Fund or Construction Reserve Account Fund
- c. Same as b, but award with current funding (\$153,000)
- d. Do not award contract, re-bid in February 2005 for spring time execution

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:** #5 - Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support

#7 - Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** County Transportation Fund

**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:** Stafford School Board Policy 4-28